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MRS. E. AUSTIN.

There comes a time to both men and women when sickness and poor health bring anxiety and trouble hard to bear; disappointment seems to follow every effort of physicians in our behalf, and remedies we try have little or no effect. In many such cases serious mistakes are made in doctoring and not knowing what the disease is or what makes us sick. Kind nature warns us by certain symptoms, which are unmistakable evidence of danger, such as too frequent desire to urinate, scanty supply, scalding irritation, pain or dull ache in the back—they tell us in silence that our kidneys need

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## THE WORK DELAYED

### DECISION OF HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STREET EXTENSIONS.

Burden of Cost Placed on District—Contention of Commissioners and Financial Statement.

The decision of the House District committee, as announced in The Star the other day, to the effect that the District of Columbia shall pay the whole cost of all street extensions and openings will operate, it is stated, to further defer improvements in the District of the character indicated. For more than two years past the extension of 16th street was authorized—it is learned, no large or small extensions of streets have been made in the District, the action of Congress in requiring the District to bear the whole expense of extending 16th street acting as an effective bar to further improvements in the way of extending or opening new thoroughfares.

In speaking of the matter to a reporter for The Star today Commissioner Macfarland stated that the Commissioners will stand firm in their position with regard to the disposition of the expense incurred in the opening and extending of streets and that they will protest to the end against the proposition that the District be required to bear the entire burden of expense in these permanent improvements.

Contention of the Commissioners. Previous to the passage of the bill authorizing the extension of 16th street, the Commissioners contended before the congressional committees that the cost of that improvement ought properly to be borne entirely by the United States, as the street is to be a national boulevard, and is considered as a matter to be carried on entirely by the general government. Instead of requiring the general government to pay the cost of the extension, however, Congress placed the whole burden of the expense incurred in the extension of that street upon the District of Columbia.

In their reports on all street-extension or street-opening bills during the past year the Commissioners have either recommended that the improvement be made on the half-and-half basis with reference to the District and to the United States, or that the improvement be deferred until some future time. Only in cases of extensions involving but small cost have the Commissioners even recommended this bill for that purpose. They have suggested that this class of improvement should be deferred until some more satisfactory financial condition of the District's finances has been made.

Financial Showing. In a financial statement of the District of Columbia, prepared by the District auditor and just recently printed as a public document at the request of Senator Newlands, are found some interesting figures relating to the burden imposed upon the District in the matter of street extensions, the whole cost of which has been borne by the District. The amount paid on account of extension of streets and avenues, including paving and the cost of damages, expenses of condemnation, advertising and preparation of plans, is stated at \$2,133,569.22. The assessments for benefits related to the burden imposed upon the District are stated at \$600,704.44, and of this amount \$134,565 was annulled by order of the court in the matter of the extension of 11th street, leaving the District liable for benefits on account of street extensions, \$466,139.44.

When the amounts assessed against abutting property as benefits, the amount the District has been obliged to pay on account of street extensions is roughly estimated at about \$1,000,000. On the half and half basis of settlement for these improvements, as can be readily seen, the District would have been obliged to pay over \$800,000, which would have been charged to the District revenues over against which the United States would have been required to place an equal sum. These two amounts would have given the District over a million and a half dollars for improvements and current expenses, improvements in the municipal service and other improvements as might be deemed necessary and advisable.

With that amount on hand, the high pressure water supply which could have been established twice over; there would have been plenty of money for the erection of a municipal hospital, the construction of a new terminal in the District service could have been made and various other projects requiring the expenditure of greater or less amounts could have been undertaken.

WHEN THE NEW SPATS are captivating—miles above the ordinary—they hail from BURT, 1411 F STREET.

THIRD BATTERY SUBSTITUTED. It Will March From Fort Myer to Gettysburg.

## SUNDRY CIVIL BILL

### Mr. Hemmway Explains Its Provisions to the House.

Representative Hemmway of Indiana, chairman of the committee on appropriations, called up in the House this afternoon the sundry civil bill, which was reported yesterday. It was given a general debate on the measure should be limited to ten hours, one-half of the time to be controlled by Mr. Hemmway and one-half by Representative Benton of Missouri, the ranking minority member of the subcommittee, which prepared the bill. Representative Burton of Ohio was named by Speaker Cannon to preside over the committee of the whole. Mr. Burton was loudly applauded as he took the chair.

Mr. Hemmway supplemented the committee report of yesterday with a very interesting statement regarding the status of appropriations already made at this session and those in prospect. The gentleman from Indiana summarized the House and the committees handling the big appropriation bills on the manner in which the measures had been presented in the House and disposed of.

"This is the last of the general appropriation bills to provide for the expense of the government for the fiscal year beginning July next," said Mr. Hemmway. "It attracts more interest from the membership of the House and the country at large than any of any of the twelve regular appropriation bills, for the reason that it provides in great or small degree for every one of the many branches of the public service, and in particular, for many civil public works authorized by Congress and in progress in every state of the Union."

"This is the result worked out by the committee in the preparation of this bill, namely, a reduction under the estimates submitted of \$17,147,110.00, and of \$23,015,288.90 under the last appropriation for the last fiscal year, which must be gratifying to the House, and will, I am sure, meet the approval of the country."

"This large reduction is made and is proper, notwithstanding the bill carries every dollar that is required for each public building now in progress, and the course of construction, and the exact amount stated to be necessary by the engineering department for all river and harbor improvements in progress under the contract system."

The sum total of all the annual supply bills including the one under consideration, as reported to the House by the committee charged with their preparation, is \$307,822,524.24. Adding to this sum the required estimates for the fiscal year 1905, the appropriations for interest on the public debt, the expenses of collecting customs, and other purposes, exclusive of the sum for the maintenance of the government, it is necessary to conduct the government next year, namely, \$682,774,144.23.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE. Suit Filed With Avowed Purpose of Preventing Riot at Church.

"I file this suit in order to prevent a riot at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, R street, between 10th and 11th streets, this evening and tomorrow night," Attorney Thomas L. Jones has entered the office of the clerk of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia today and instituted proceedings in equity for a restraining order in behalf of Anderson Hoggans, George Smith, William Tice, Burwell Hill, John R. Ruffin, Gill Baker, George Davis and others against Simon P. Drew, William Strothers and James Robinson. William Strothers and James Robinson are deacons of the Metropolitan Baptist Church. The defendants are sued as "disturbing elements in the church."

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It is set forth that the church has a membership of more than 1,000 persons, and that Rev. Robert Johnson, who had been its pastor for more than thirty years, died December 28 last. The complainant, Simon P. Drew, who represented himself as being an ordained minister of the gospel, it is stated, was permitted by the complainants to take charge of the church services, and was desired to carry on a revival. It is added:

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## HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS

### BASE BALL AGGREGATIONS FOR THE COMING YEAR.

#### Record Season Promised by the Management—Those Who Are Eligible to Membership.

With the coming of spring and the base ball season the pupils of the high schools are showing interest in the teams that will represent their institutions on the diamond and do battle for the championship in the interscholastic series.

The last week has been a busy one for the boys, each school having from twenty to thirty candidates on the practice field. Nothing has been done toward the schedule of the regular teams. The personnel of the various "nines," however, will include many of the last year players, with a few new faces. The latter will be chosen after a thorough practice "showing."

The Business School boys have been at work for three weeks, and, considering the inclement weather, a good deal of progress has been made in putting the team in shape. The two coaches of the Business team are graduates of the school, namely, J. Fitzpatrick and Chas. King. They were members of the Business team last year.

The feeling at the Central is at a high pitch. The number of candidates for places on the team at that school is larger than that at the Business.

Predicts a Record Year. Mr. Kelly, who looks after the athletic affairs at the Central, thinks that the present year will set a record for the high school base ball games. In speaking of the matter Mr. Kelly stated that if the boys do as well in the games to come as they have done in practice there will be nothing wanting, and that from what he has heard of the other schools the teams are pretty well classed.

Eastern team still wants for practice and will play two or three games in the coming week. While the team is being organized, Mr. Litchfield and Mr. Woodward, manager and captain, respectively, think that the team will finish strong with a record of a good deal in heavy men, but this is made up by their earnestness and hard work. If school feeling can win games then the "nines" will be given to Eastern without the trouble of playing for it. The East Washington girls are as much interested in their team as the boys.

It is predicted that with material that they have "across the creek" and Church's leadership, the Western team will prove a prominent figure in the finish. Mr. Matthews, faculty adviser for Western, has taken quite an interest in the game this year and has brought the boys out in good shape, not only in a base ball way, but in the other sports of the school. It will be remembered that the Western and the Central teams were tied for second place in the foot ball games, and the Western team, which was given a better team to put on the diamond than they had in the fall, which should make things look interesting for the other contestants.

## WAR MAY END IN COMPROMISE.

### Both Sides Acting on the Defensive Might Effect Settlement.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. NEW YORK, March 26.—A cablegram from London says: As the magnitude of the military operations in the far east become more obvious conviction gains ground in London and Paris that Russia's policy of acting on the defensive in Manchuria will finally induce Japan to content with a defensive attitude in Korea, and that the upshot of the war will be a compromise, leaving the combatants relatively in possession of their now hold.

## CASE OF SAMUEL A. GROFF.

### Probable Action by Commissioners on Trial Board Report.

The trial papers in the case of Private Samuel A. Groff of the metropolitan police force are in the hands of Commissioner West, and it is expected he will recommend prompt action in the matter late this evening. In recommendation on the papers it is understood Major Sylvester has stated that the point involved is a question of law and not of fact, and it is further understood he suggests that the papers be forwarded to the corporation counsel for a legal opinion. It is not improbable that Commissioner West will recommend such action to his associates on the board of Commissioners.

The police trial board, it is alleged, has recommended that Groff be fined \$40 a month, leaving him a monthly salary of \$30. The trial board did not make a recommendation which the retiring board recommended he should receive. It is learned that had Groff's arrest last June been deferred for a week, he would have been retired last at a pension of \$50 a month. In view of the fact that the court has suspended execution of the sentence against Groff, the police trial board did not feel justified in arbitrarily recommending Groff's removal from the force. The Commissioners desire that no injustice shall be done the officer, and desire to take into consideration all the circumstances surrounding the case.

It has been suggested that the Commissioner might impose a fine of \$50 a month upon Groff, the total amount of salary he is receiving, until the disposition of his case by the Court of Appeals. It is pointed out by the Court of Appeals. It is pointed out in case the Commissioners should require obtaining he could not be reinstated if he is finally determined in court that he is innocent of the charges preferred against him in connection with the Post Office Department cases.

## TORNADO VISITS MAURITIUS.

### Enormous Amount of Damage Done on the Island.

PORT LOUISE, Island of Mauritius, March 26.—A tornado caused widespread ruin throughout this island March 21 and 22, and doing an enormous amount of damage. Twenty-four persons are known to be killed and thousands are without food or shelter. Crops, houses, bridges and telegraph lines were destroyed.

## Montgomery License Question Settled.

### Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., March 26.—The Montgomery delegation this morning effectually settled all attempts at any reopening of the license question by unanimously deciding that no such license shall be passed. Both houses will meet Monday.

Wheat Closes Off. CHICAGO, March 26.—Weakness developed late in the day on heavy realizing by a prominent commission house, July declining to 87 1/2 cents. The close was at the bottom, with a net loss on July of 1/2 cent.

Collided at Sea. Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. NORFOLK, Va., March 23.—Merchants and Miners' steamship Frederick, bound from Savannah, Ga., to Baltimore, collided at sea off North Carolina coast this morning with the big schooner Gypsy, which she towed into Hampton Roads badly damaged; no fatalities.